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To Whom It May Concern:

Microsoft currently has a stranglehold on the current computing market which is limiting the end user's choices. I have been in the computing industry for a mere seven years but in that time I have seen several Operating systems start their decline.

Apple: Once very prominent and competitive, they now have little presence in the world. While this is partly their fault due to their business model, it is at such a point now that should Apple ever decide to change their marketing, they would be completely and utterly "wiped out".

Netscape: What was once the most popular browser anywhere is now virtually NON-EXISTANT due to microsofts, "bundling" tactics.

Novell: What was one of the worlds most reliable, stable, and popular network operating systems has nearly disappeared in my area. Microsoft has everyone believing that they have a better product. The only reason their product can be considered "better" is because their software will only run on Windows forcing people who may want to use some of their other products into using their less than par OS to run their networks.

I've worked with Novell for 5 of those seven years, right along side of windows. The two compliment each other very well, but from a standpoint of stability and security, Novell was far above and beyond the level that Microsoft is currently at 5 years ago.

Microsoft has proven time and time again, that nothing is their own. Windows was TAKEN from Apple/(Xerox), Active Directory Services was BORROWED from Novell's Directory Services, and C#/.Net was copied from Sun's Java and J2EE standards.

One has only to look at the source code for Java and C# to see that it is technicalogical PLAGIARISM. We do not stand for PLAGIARISM anywhere else in the business world, why should we on technology?

One has only to setup and administer NDS (Novell Directory Services)and ADS (Active Direcotry Service) to see that what Microsoft has come up with for a network structure as "new technology" has been around since 1995!! And finally, lets be honest with ourselves, if it wasn't for Steve Jobs and Apple, would the world even know what a GUI (grahpical user interface) is?

I can tell you, that working in the environment even this short period of time, Micosoft has proven its inferiority to me over and over again. My current environment sees its Windows servers crash 50 to 1 when compared to Netware and that statistic has even a larger gap when compared to our Unix

servers.

In conclusion, if Microsoft is allowed to continue down its current path, the Corporate world as well as the common public would not only be subject to inflated prices, but inflated prices for a lesser quality products. The american dream? I don't think so. Perhaps if Microsoft were at least forced to develop their software for multiple platforms (not just MSOffice, but networking solutions as well), there will still be some freedom of choice left over at the end of this road.